

PROVING GOD (TITHING) MALACHI 3:10

Let us go to Malachi, the third chapter, for our thought for the day. Our thought for today will be how that we can prove God. God not only proves us, but we can prove God. The word *prove* means to test or try by an experiment in order to ascertain the quality of our character, our carnal character, in comparison to the character and nature of God's Son Jesus Christ. Proving is for gaining personal experience with Jesus Christ. Proving is suffering sometimes through which we pass in order to be enlarged and increased in God. God proves us by the argument, reasoning and testimony of His Word. Proving means to establish. Proving helps us to ascertain the Truth. Proving helps us to demonstrate the Truth in reality and fact. God proves in order to establish the authenticity or validity of His Headship, His Power. God proves us in trials to prove the real corn of His Word and to prove the chaff of the Devil's Word.

So, beloved, God does prove us but God also allows us to prove Him, to prove the reality, the truthfulness, the validity of His Nature and of His Word, and such is the case here in Malachi. We find these words beginning in verse eight:

Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: [That is, you are loathed, you are detested by God with a curse. That is, with a pronouncement of evil down upon you] for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation (Malachi 3:8,9).

God declares in verse eight how they have robbed him, and that was through their tithes and offerings, the very principle and law that God had instituted whereby His Sanctuary and His Worship and His servants and His Service might be maintained. That was through tithes and offerings. Now, God said in verse ten:

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house [that is that my servants that serve Me in the Sanctuary might have food and that there might be sufficient substance to carry on the worship in My house], and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it (Malachi 3:10).

So, beloved, God invites Malachi here to tell the people, to explain to them how they had robbed Him in tithes and offerings. And here is a way in which we can prove God. We can prove Him a right way and we can prove Him a wrong way. This is the right way to prove Him and that is by paying tithes. Wherever you go to God's house, you need to pay tithes and support your pastor and support your church that God's work might be carried on. Wherever you are being fed spiritually, then, that is where you owe your tithes.

So God said, "You can prove Me. You can test Me. You can find out the validity. You can find out the Truthfulness of My Nature and of My Word." And God said, "I will do two things whereby you will know that you are honouring Me in paying tithes." First of all, He said, "I will open the windows of heaven." When God opens the windows of heaven, those are none other than God opening His eyelids and opening His eyes, as it were, to look out and through His eyesight, through His spiritual vision, pour out blessings upon the earth.

And the word *open* is a beautiful word in Hebrew. And it means to free from obstruction. In other words, when you pay tithes unto the LORD, God will turn on the Light of His eyesight that will pour down in your life and wipe out every obstruction that would hinder you from serving God and from going on with God in greater depths and higher heights. So, beloved, the word *open* means to render free and to have access or view into. So when God's Light streams down and cleanses and sanctifies the darkness of our minds, we can go to the Word of God and have a clear view into God's Truth. We will understand things out of God's Word we never understood before. We will see things in God's Word that we never saw before. It is marvelous.

God said, "Prove Me. I invite you. Put Me to the test and see if I do not open the windows of heaven. See if I do not open my eyelids. See if I do not open my eyes and pour out to you streams of light that will bless you in this world. So, beloved, the word *open* means to make ready, to hear.

God opens His eyes and makes a way whereby and prepares His ears to be open unto your prayer. When He sees you paying tithes, He opens His eyes and prepares His ears, then, to hear the request of your prayers unto Him. And to *open* means to receive, to declare, to manifest. Not only will God bless your invisible soul that you at first only know — Other people cannot know how that God blesses your soul. That is an invisible thing. Yes, I realize they pick up the overflow and can see that we are blessed, but they do not really know inside, the depths of joy and ecstasy in our soul when we follow the LORD. But, beloved, God will also declare and manifest visibly in physical and material blessings so that others will be able to see that you are blessed of God when you pay your tithes.

It also means to bring knowledge into view. When God opens His eyes and looks down and He sees you paying tithes and allows you the privilege to prove Him, He will open knowledge and bring it into view and show it and disclose it and reveal it unto you. And it means more than that. It also means when He opens the windows of heaven, the word *opens* also means to expound and to explain and interpret. Beloved, if you are already paying tithes, and you have not understood your Bible and you have wanted to, it is merely because you have not been giving the time in prayer and in because this is your divine birthright. It is a promise from the Word of God that if you will pay tithes, God did not say, “You have to open th windows. God said, “I will open the windows of heaven, and I will pour you out a blessing that you cannot contain.” All you have to do is pay the tithes and let God open the windows.

I am not asking you to send your tithes to me as a lot of preachers in radio land do. I am asking you to pay your tithes for your own soul’s sake to whatever church, to whatever pastor is feeding your soul. This is a divine Principle out of the Word of God and He will open the windows of heaven for you.

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the divine privilege that is ours in Christ Jesus to be enlightened, to be instructed. We thank You for the privilege that we have to prove You and we know, O God, that we can prove you, and we know that we have proved You and we have found you real and true. And we thank You for this. Bless in radio land today and cause people to be faithful to pay tithes, LORD, to their ministers that feed their souls because we pray in Jesus' Precious Name. Amen. ㄐ